

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~12750~~ CH-941

Address: ¹²⁵⁷⁰ ~~12750~~ Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of Newburg

Owner: Whited, Ruth Overton Trustee

Tax Parcel Number: 28 Tax Map Number: 79

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The c.1930 one-story, concrete block building is utilitarian in design. The west (main) elevation is three bays wide. Two large openings have been boarded up while the southern bay has a doorway and large window opening. Wood beams are attached to the upper sections of the main façade and appear to have been the support for signage at one time. The roof is flat and there is little ornamentation adorning the structure. This commercial building is associated with a single family dwelling (N-0002).

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in Charles County's development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services


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related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1930, this commercial building is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the commercial development along U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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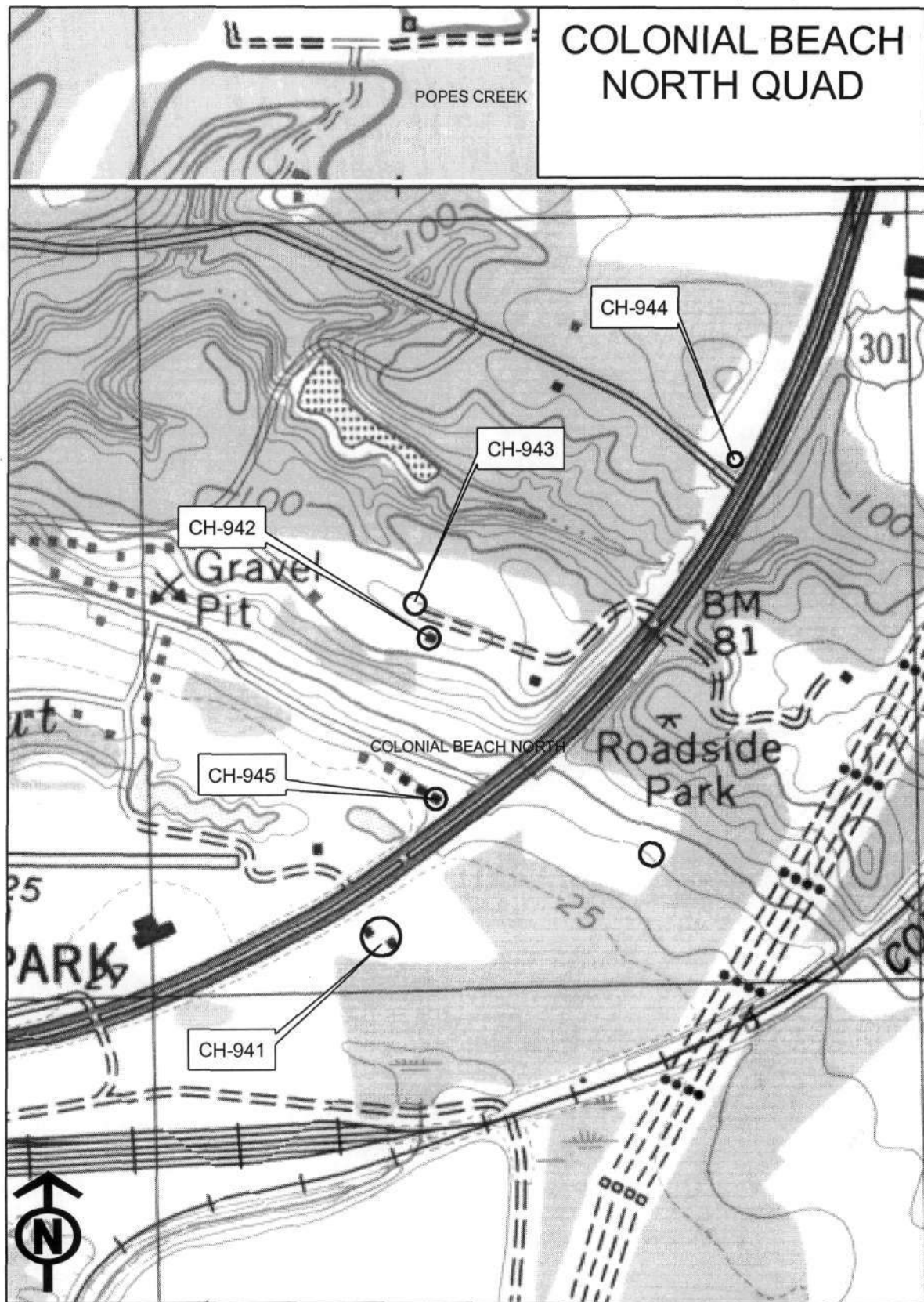
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View of West Elevation

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